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Reply to Office Action of May 28, 2004

**PATENT**  
Attorney Docket No. 85773-203

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: CHAPMAN, Alan S. et al.  
Serial No.: 09/603,354                      Group Art Unit: 2667  
Filed: June 26, 2000                      Examiner: PHAM, Chi (formerly LAM, Daniel K.)  
Title: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR COLLISION AVOIDANCE IN  
BUFFERLESS NETWORKS**

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**REPLY TO OFFICIAL ACTION UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**

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Sir/Madam:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed May 28, 2004 please re-examine the application in view of the remarks provided.

A petition for extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) is attached hereto.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.

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<b>COMBINED AMENDMENT &amp; PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) (Large Entity)</b>					Docket No. <b>85773-203</b>	
In Re Application Of: <b>Alan S. CHAPMAN et al.</b>						
Application No. <b>09/603,354</b>	Filing Date <b>June 26, 2000</b>	Examiner <b>PHAM, Chi</b>	Customer No. <b>28291</b>	Group Art Unit <b>2667</b>	Confirmation No. <b>3259</b>	
Invention: <b>METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR COLLISION AVOIDANCE IN BUFFERLESS NETWORKS</b>						
<u>COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</u>  This is a combined amendment and petition under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of <u>May 28, 2004</u> in the above-identified application. <i style="margin-left: 150px;">Date</i>  The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired): <input type="checkbox"/> One month <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Two months <input type="checkbox"/> Three months <input type="checkbox"/> Four months <input type="checkbox"/> Five months  from: <u>August 28, 2004</u> until: <u>October 28, 2004</u> <i style="margin-left: 100px;">Date</i> <i style="margin-left: 150px;">Date</i>   The fee for the amendment and extension of time has been calculated as shown below:						
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INDEP. CLAIMS	5 -	5 =	0	x \$88.00	\$0.00	
<b>FEE FOR AMENDMENT</b>					<b>\$0.00</b>	
<b>FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME</b>					<b>\$430.00</b>	
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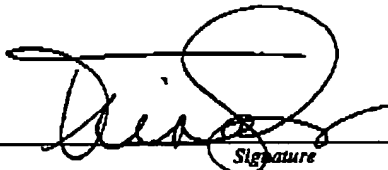
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